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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Necessity Of H-Bomb Tests

DESPIITE the agitation for their suspension, it is clear the British government is fully and irrevocably committed to carrying out the nuclear tests at Christmas Island; moreover, although the voices of protest are vociferous, they are by no means convincing. Many feel Britain is fully justified in carrying out the experiments.

Those who are most insistent on the abandonment of the tests advance as their chief argument the danger of radioactive fallout, apparently unconvinced by Mr Macmillan's assurances, based on the advice of his nuclear scientists, that the Christmas Island experiments will yield no dangerous radioactivity either to human or vegetable life. Thus the laymen presume to know more than the experts.

CURIOUSLY these same critics do not question Britain's right to develop and possess the H-bomb. Yet they demand the government refrain from demonstrating through tests that it is effective. This is logic difficult to understand.

It is of first importance to the whole of Western Europe that Britain, its key defence point, should herself possess effective nuclear weapons. The White Paper issued yesterday succinctly makes the point by declaring that "while comprehensive disarmament remains among the foremost objectives of British foreign policy, it is unhappily true that pending international agreement the only existing safeguard against major aggression is the power to threaten retaliation with nuclear weapons."

This is a policy as much approved by the Socialist opposition as it is by the present British government. Furthermore it is accepted by the Western world generally. But the claim to possess nuclear weapons, including the H-bomb, unsupported by proof that they function effectively, robs them of much of their deterrent value.

IT is the duty of any British government to develop and perfect defensive and retaliatory weapons the existence of which will deter the aggressive designs of any hostile nation, but it is equally necessary to demonstrate that the weapons are more than drawing board conceptions. The Christmas Island tests will do more than prove that Britain possesses the H-bomb. They may well substantiate the claim that has been cautiously advanced that a nuclear weapon has been developed whose explosion defies long-range detection. It would represent a development in nuclear science of far-reaching importance and might well hasten agreement on comprehensive disarmament among the leading nations of the world.

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★ Clerical comment: a new column by Hongkong clergy on topical talking points;

★ *Men and Power*... the Beaverbrook story continues.

There are all your favourite features as well including three pages of pictures, racing tips for tomorrow's meeting at the Valley, comic strips, cartoons (including Gits), special sections for women, children and sportsmen—all in the Saturday Mail.

HK OFFICIAL IN LONDON FOR TALKS ON EUROPEAN TRADE SCHEME

A senior Hongkong Government official has been holding informal consultations in London during the last fortnight in connection with the European Free Trade zone, and its effect upon Commonwealth trade.

The official is Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite, who has held leading Government posts

in finance, and commerce and industry. Mr Cowperthwaite returns to the Colony tomorrow.

Hongkong, it is understood, has not yet decided to join the Free Trade zone, though it is felt that the advantages of association with the scheme outweigh the disadvantages.

The Colony was asked last month whether it wanted to enter the scheme.

Two weeks ago yesterday, Mr Cowperthwaite flew to London for an exchange of views with the British Government.

A Government official last night described the subject as "complicated". This was why a senior official had been sent to London. Britain began investigating the reaction of its colonies to the scheme after the decision of the six European community nations decided

to include French, Belgian, Netherlands, and Italian overseas territories in the European common market. Mr Cowperthwaite, who was acting Director of the Department of Commerce and Industry during the absence on leave of the Director, Mr H. A. Angus, in 1956, will take over the post of acting Financial Secretary during the absence on leave of Mr Arthur Clarke. Mr Clarke leaves the Colony this evening.

TORIES TOLD OF BRITAIN'S DECISION ON CANAL DUES

'Full Payment' Likely In Temporary Agreement BUT EGYPT'S FROZEN FUNDS MAY BE USED

London, Apr. 4.

Britain was reported today prepared for a "temporary agreement" conceding full payment of Suez Canal dues to Egypt, at least partly in convertible currency.

But such concession would hinge on the understanding that in a final Suez settlement the canal would be "insulated from politics".

The outlines of this compromise were said to have been given by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, to a meeting of unhappy Conservatives last night.

Britain's readiness for a "temporary compromise" was said to have taken into account the United States attitude on the Suez issue.

But unconfirmed reports today suggested that in the absence of an agreed Suez arrangement "special measures" would be taken against Egypt. The Conservative Daily Telegraph claimed that amounts paid for the passage through Suez would in such event be deducted in London and Washington from the Egyptian frozen accounts and placed in a special account pending negotiations.

Britain as well as the United States, diplomatic sources suggested now reluctantly conceded Egyptian control and operation of the canal.

Payment would be made on the understanding that a proportion of the dues would be paid by Egypt into a special fund for future canal development projects. Britain hoped that current negotiations in Cairo would induce President Nasser to agree to set aside more than the proposed 25 per cent of the dues for development needs.

But a note of urgency has now crept again into Britain's Suez policy—pressure from shipping quarters on the government for a speedy settlement has increased in the light of indications that other Canal users including Germany, Italy and Scandinavian countries were preparing for action.

Abandoned

The idea of a possible boycott of the Canal has been abandoned in the face of American unwillingness to use such sanctions and of indications that other users would not comply. The Council of the Suez Canal Users Association is to meet in London tomorrow to consider the latest Suez developments.

Meanwhile the general council of British shipping predicted

today that all British shipowners will follow the government's "advice" to avoid the Suez Canal until there is agreement with Egypt on payment of dues. A spokesman added that the Government had a potential weapon to back up this advice in its regulations governing use of dollars and other hard currency.

Govt's Advice

Neither the Government nor the council have any statutory right to enforce an official boycott of the waterway, he said. Britain and the United States have contested Egypt's right to claim payment in dollars or other hard currency of all dues for ships through the Canal.

The Transport Minister, Mr Harold Watkinson, met yesterday with representatives of the General Council of Shipping to explain the government's "advice" against using the canal.

Informed sources quoted him as saying that since Europe had succeeded in surviving without the canal since November there is no need to prejudice negotiations with Egypt by a "precipitate" return.

Sorely Hit

The same attitude is expected to be expressed by British representatives tomorrow when the International Chamber of Shipping meets in London. Experts believe it will become known then exactly which nations will accept Egypt's terms for immediate use of the waterway.

Egypt's treasury would be sorely hit by an unofficial British boycott because about one-third of normal Suez shipping fees the British flag.

The General Council officially denied a French News Agency dispatch last night claiming it had decided to impose a boycott.

The spokesman said neither the government nor the council had any direct means of enforcing a boycott.

A Big Risk

The treasury could be expected to reduce release of dollars for canal tolls but the spokesman pointed out that many ships would have dollars or other hard currency available from their collections for cargo.

The spokesman added that the British "advice" to avoid the canal had been in effect since last October. Yesterday's meeting was simply to inform the shipowners why the advice remained in effect.

He also said that Egypt had not yet cancelled its own warning of last November that the canal area was dangerous for navigation. "On the basis of reports reaching London so far, not many owners would care to risk a ship worth 12 to 15 million pounds with 1,000 people on board in the canal in its present condition," one official said. —United Press.

AMERICANS BUYING SUEZ CANAL SHARES

From Christopher Dobson

New York, Apr. 4. American investors are buying up shares in the Suez Canal Company in the hope that Nasser will live up to his promise and pay shareholders for his seizure of the Canal.

A French representative of the Suez Canal Company said today that most of the shares had come from French families who held them for generations but were now getting rid of them, fearful Nasser would not honour his promise and they would be worthless in a few months.

He said that before Nasser made his grab only 2,000 shares were held by Americans, but in the last few months the total had soared to 10,000.

Americans were buying the shares at around \$140 each. The company had already turned down Nasser's bid for \$100 per share. The company said Nasser's offer was low and the figures had reached \$230 shortly before the seizure. A company which handles most of the Canal shares in the United States confirmed the speculation and said the shares have been selling in New York for \$150 in the last few months. —London Express Service.

Japanese Premier Going To US

Washington, Apr. 4. The White House announced today the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Nobusuke Kishi, would visit Washington at the invitation of Pres. Eisenhower from June 19 to June 21 "for discussions of matters of mutual interest to the two countries." —Reuter.

America 'Still Waiting'

Washington, Apr. 4. The United States is still waiting for additional clarification from Egypt on the question of the running of Suez Canal, the State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman reminded correspondents that yesterday he had said that Egypt's reply to the American comments on the Egyptian memorandum concerning the Canal was only preliminary.

The United States had still not received a final answer from the Egyptian Government, he said. The spokesman categorically refused to disclose either the American or Egyptian attitude on the status of the Suez Canal. —France-Press.

But Britain, supported by France remains firm in its insistence that a final settlement must insulate the canal from the politics of any one nation. "In this Britain feels now to have American backing and the issue will be pressed in future negotiations," the sources said.

Present efforts are chiefly aimed at a modification of Egypt's latest Suez plan, details of which have not so far been released.

Many Conservatives consider Britain's reported readiness for a compromise as a climb-down and a humiliation.

These feelings were said to have been voiced at last night's Conservative "secret" meeting, after Mr Lloyd had hinted that Britain was considering paying full dues to Egypt.

Substantial Garrison To Stay In Hongkong

London, Apr. 4.

Britain proposes to maintain a "substantial garrison" in Hongkong, according to the Government's annual defence report published today.

"Britain has an international commitment—as a member of the East and West defence systems—to help preserve stability and resist the extension of Communist power" in South-east Asia, the report said.

Britain proposed to maintain in this theatre, a mixed British-Ghurkha force and certain air force elements, together with a substantial garrison in Hongkong and a small naval force based on Singapore.

In addition, there was a Commonwealth strategic reserve. This includes a brigade to which Britain contributes two battalions, Australia and New Zealand jointly provide the remainder of the brigade and some Naval and air forces.

Britain had also agreed to assist in the external defence of Malaya after it attained independence last August. —Reuter.

Clash Over Who Builds Ships Faster, Cheaper

★ Unions Say Britain ★ Employers—Japan

London, Apr. 4.

A Trade Union leader and a representative of shipbuilding owners clashed today over whether Japan can now build more ships, faster, and at a cheaper price than Britain.

For the Unions, Mr Ted Hill, leader of the Boilermakers Society and one of the leaders of the 18-day nationwide shipbuilding strike which ended with the official return to work today of 200,000 shipyard workers, claimed that Britain maintained pre-eminence in all round design and production of ships.

"Not only are British ships the cheapest in the world, but they are the best in quality," he declared.

OUTPUT GROWING

Giving evidence at a Government Court of Inquiry set up to consider the shipyards strike and the 11-day snowball strike by 1,600,000 engineers, he admitted Japan was showing a considerable increase in output, but said Japanese shipyards were concentrating chiefly on large tankers.

Britain's order book was so big that shipowners in this country were reluctant to arrange new contracts because of the long wait for delivery, Mr Hill asserted.

He argued that the industry's prosperity justified higher wages and said that at the end of last year, 865 ships, totalling 7,442,000 gross tons were on order in Britain, amounting to nearly five years' work at the current rate of output.

But this picture was challenged by Mr N. A. Sloan, who put the case for the shipbuilding owners' refusal to meet the union demands for a 10 per cent increase in basic wages was followed by the nationwide walk-out.

'OVERHAULING US'

He told the inquiry that the industry orders for the 12 months ending last September increased by 900,000 tons, but the order books of Japanese shipbuilders showed an increase of 2,400,000 tons.

British shipbuilding was being "rapidly overhauled" by Japan, he declared. In the first nine months of last year, Japanese launches exceeded launches in Britain by 33 per cent and tonnage began by 50 per cent more than Britain.

Foreign shipbuilders were able to complete ships in a much shorter time largely because they did not suffer from trade union disputes, restrictive working practices and interferences with production.

Mr Hill told the inquiry that gross profits for British shipbuilders rose by 13 per cent in 1956 and the amount earned by ordinary shares after deductions rose by nearly 19 per cent compared with the previous year.

Share values had more than trebled since 1949—the sharpest rise for any single British industry.

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Two Schools Closed In Singapore

Penang, Apr. 4.

Two more Chinese schools were closed and 10 more students expelled after Chinese students, inspired by pro-Communist elements, staged a three-hour demonstration today.

The students were protesting against yesterday's closing of the Chung Ling High School, following disturbances, touched off by the expulsion of three students for attempting to disrupt the school's terminal examinations.

The police were ordered to stand by as the demonstrations spread to other Chinese schools, but they were not called upon to intervene. Education officials went around the Chinese schools today in an effort to bring the situation under control.

Meanwhile in the capital, an Education Ministry spokesman said the Government believed the only way to deal with the situation was to "punish the trouble makers". —France-Press.

ADAMS TRIAL 'HE MIGHT HAVE LOST A RICH PATIENT'

London, Apr. 4.

A medical expert called for the defence, agreed today that if Dr John Bodkin Adams had warned the old widow he is accused of murdering with drugs, it "might have meant the loss of a rich patient".

The expert Dr John Harman, a leading London physician, was being cross-examined by the prosecuting counsel on the 14th day of the doctor's trial. The case has now established a record in length for a British murder trial.

Dr Adams, 58, is charged with the murder, six years ago, of Mrs Edith Morrell, 81, by overdosing her with drugs.

Dr Harman, who has disagreed with prosecution medical experts on the use and effects of morphine and heroin, was questioned closely by the prosecution.

He agreed he had made no special study of these drugs, whereas Dr Arthur Douthett, a prosecution witness, was a recognised authority.

Dr Harman said in his opinion Mrs Morrell could have survived the doses of drugs prescribed for her in the last few days of her life. —China Mail Special.

TORNADO HITS HOSPITAL

New York, Apr. 4.

One person was killed and up to 82 were injured, most of them in the State Sanatorium, as three tornadoes churned their way across Mississippi today.

A tornado last night swept down on the Sanatorium at

Jackson, where some 200 TB patients are being treated, and injured between 50 and 75 of the patients.

The building was badly damaged and its roof was completely ripped off. The top floor had to be evacuated and damages were estimated at over \$250,000. —France-Press.

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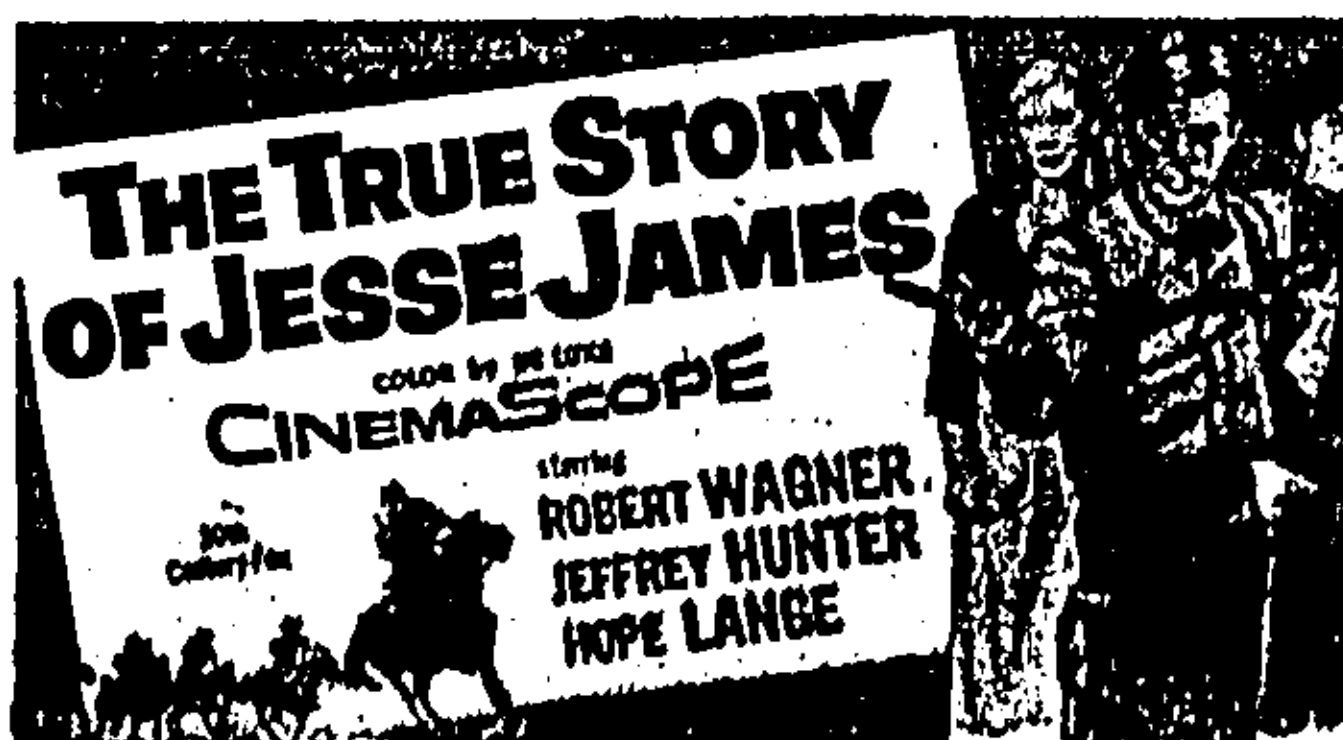


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Medical Association Backs Labour On N-Tests

Ingrid Bergman Witness At Wedding



Ingrid Bergman, witness at a wedding of two couples from the Hungarian Ballet in Paris, receives a kiss from the two bridegrooms, while the brides look on at Cheneviere, France. — Express Photo.

AUSTRALIAN TRADE OPENING UP AS RESTRICTIONS EASED

Canberra, Apr. 4.

Easing of import restrictions to operate from April 1, the current negotiations between Japan and Australia and the sustained efforts of the French diplomatic mission to open the Australian trade door to French products are expected to achieve results in the next six months.

Australian Government decisions during the discussions on import restrictions, will mean more direct trade between Australia and European countries.

Another pointer is: the recent visit of the West German Foreign Minister, Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, who convinced the Minister for Trade, Mr. John McEwan, that the "common market" among European countries will mean a greater interest in Australian exports of Australia.

Mr. McEwan has announced in Parliament that it is "the cardinal feature of the trade policy to find more elbow room for European countries in Australia — particularly France, West Germany and Japan."

Ignoring Prejudice

Now the Australian Government, ignoring political prejudice, has agreed to the establishment in Sydney of a Polish consulate-general. This is the first concession to Communist countries since the Petrov affair.

The establishment of the diplomatic post in Sydney springs primarily from trade.

The Minister for External Affairs, Mr. R. G. Casey, has been urged by the Minister for Trade to make this decision because trade officials have been convinced that "given closer commercial contacts between Poland and Australia there will be a larger market for Australian wool, wheat and dried fruits in return for a wide range of Polish goods, particularly capital items."

Mainly Wool

The current trade between Australia and Poland has been only about A£250,000, mainly wool.

A Polish trade delegation recently spent six weeks in Australia and decided that this buying could be doubled within two years. If Australia could buy regularly from Poland.

The trade delegation visited all the state capitals and were shown around textile factories which, the Poles said, were making goods readily salable in Poland.

So, in addition to raw wool, Australia may be selling finished textiles behind the Iron Curtain within the next two years. — France-Press.

RETURN OF ENEMY PROPERTY

Washington, Apr. 4.

Democratic Senator George Smathers of Florida, said today that specialised lawyers, lobbyists and publicists were being paid high fees to try and obtain the return of goods and property confiscated from former German and Japanese owners.

Smathers, addressing a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, which has been examining the return of ex-enemy property confiscated by the United States Government at the beginning of World War II, said that Dr. Herman J. Abs, a former director of the I. G. Farben and a prominent financial figure during the Hitler regime, is the common denominator of this group. Smathers said that lawyers engaged were paid fees running into thousands of dollars.

Smathers said he was bringing up the issue "not for the purpose of implying that any wrongs have been done up to the present time, but to show that the pattern is one similar to that used in World War One." — France-Press.

Rats Equal Population Of France

Paris, Apr. 4.

Municipal authorities today announced the launching of a rat-killing campaign beginning on April 15 to destroy the 5,000,000 rats believed to be inhabiting the Paris region.

The authorities said that France suffered from a rat population of one rat per person, a plague which cost the nation between 100,000,000,000 francs (US\$200,000,000) to 200,000,000,000 francs annually.

The average Paris rat weighs more than half a pound, lives four years and is especially prolific as a species — the female producing five to six litters a year as soon as she is two or three months old. — France-Press.

Worthy Denies Being In Gaol

Chicago, Apr. 4.

William Worthy, Negro reporter who visited China despite the State Department's ban on such visits, today denied charges by a high State Department official that he had been gaoled during the second world war as a conscientious objector.

The State Department has refused to renew Worthy's passport.

Earlier today, Robert Cartwright, acting director of the State Department Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, told the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, investigating the State Department passport policy, that Worthy had been gaoled in 1944 for refusing to go to a camp for conscientious objectors.

CLASSIFIED

Speaking in Chicago at a press conference given under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union, Worthy said: "In 1943, I was classified as a conscientious objector. After discussing the case with A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping-Car Porters and the late Walter White of the NAACP, I refused to enter a conscientious objectors' camp because the Government was assigning men geographically on the grounds of race and colour."

He added that he had never served one day in gaol and he went to the camp. — France-Press.

Rebels Kill 25 French

Algiers, Apr. 4.

French forces operating in the Djebel El Bris region between Constantine and Philippeville today suffered 25 dead, 19 wounded and several missing in a clash with a strong Algerian rebel unit, official sources announced.

Altogether, three sections of French forces had clashed with the strong rebel unit which was armed with automatic weapons. A wounded lieutenant who had been leading one of the sections told reporters at Philippeville hospital that his section alone had killed 80 rebels. The final casualty toll was not yet known. — France-Press.

Release Of Radioactive Matter An 'International Crime'

London, Apr. 4.

The Socialist Medical Association tonight welcomed the British Parliamentary Labour Party's decision to press the Government to postpone hydrogen bomb tests.

"Socialists must not only oppose the testing, but also the making of all nuclear weapons," the Association said in a statement, which termed "the deliberate release of radioactive matter" an "international crime."

It added that the "testing of nuclear weapons, undoubtedly, involves the murder and maiming of children yet unborn."

The statement issued by the Association said: "The Socialist Medical Association warmly welcomes the decision of the Parliamentary Labour Party to press Her Majesty's Government to postpone hydrogen bomb tests, while making every effort to achieve international agreement for the cessation of all such tests."

"So vital is it for the health and well-being of this and succeeding generations, however, that nuclear weapons should be abolished that Socialists must not only oppose the testing but also the making of all nuclear weapons."

IRRESPECTIVE

"We believe the Government should take such a decision unilaterally irrespective of the decisions of other governments."

"It is not excuse for murder and assault that other people commit them and the testing of nuclear weapons undoubtedly involves the murder and maiming of children yet unborn and represents a serious threat to the present generation."

"Moreover it is not an unimportant aspect of the matter that our economic burden would be immeasurably lightened if radioactive materials, labour and initiative could be devoted to more constructive channels."

"The deliberate release of radioactive matter into the atmosphere should be regarded as an international crime for which the perpetrators would be arraigned before the United Nations."

"We very much hope that the Parliamentary Labour Party will strengthen this policy to one of abolition of nuclear weapons (unilaterally if necessary) in view of the gravity of the problem which we face."

"Such a policy would be welcomed by peace-loving people throughout the world."

JAP APPEAL

Professor Masatoshi Matsushita, the Japanese Prime Minister's personal envoy, tonight appealed for close co-operation between the people of England and Japan in order to achieve the aim of the abolition of nuclear weapons.

He was speaking at a meeting by the National Council for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapon Tests of England at the headquarters of the Friends Religious Society in London.

To a gathering of about 100 religious and lay leaders, scientists, journalists and representatives of the Labour and Liberal parties and the co-operative movement, Mr. Matsushita explained that the chief purpose of his mission to England had been to deliver a personal message from the Japanese Prime Minister to Mr. Macmillan requesting to stop British H-bomb tests.

MUCH ENCOURAGED

He said he was very much encouraged by the resolution adopted by the Council of Churches requesting the British Government's decision to carry out the tests. He also was very happy that the Labour Party had today taken a definite position demanding the Government to postpone the tests.

He said that his meeting with Prime Minister Macmillan which had taken place on the second had been a very cordial one.

Although he had not been successful in changing the Prime Minister's mind to go ahead with the H-bomb test he was not discouraged.

He said he wanted to make one thing clear to the British people which was that the support for the abolition of nuclear weapons in Japan was a truly nationwide movement in Japan. This is the only time that all of Japan is united in this cause. He said that the Japanese people are united with the same aim and

sentiment for the abolition of nuclear weapons," he said.

Mr. Matsushita said that since coming to this country many people had asked why Japan was picking on England alone when two other big powers had already carried out numerous nuclear tests.

OPPOSITION

He said that he always replied to this saying that the Japanese had become fully conscious of the dangers of nuclear weapons only after the Bikini tests carried out by the Americans, and that the Japanese had started a movement opposing American tests.

Similarly when the Russians had tested their H-bomb in Siberia, opposition to Russian tests has also mounted in Japan. The Japanese people wanted to say to the British "you have not done the wrong yet. Don't do the wrong thing!" — China Mail Special and Reuter.

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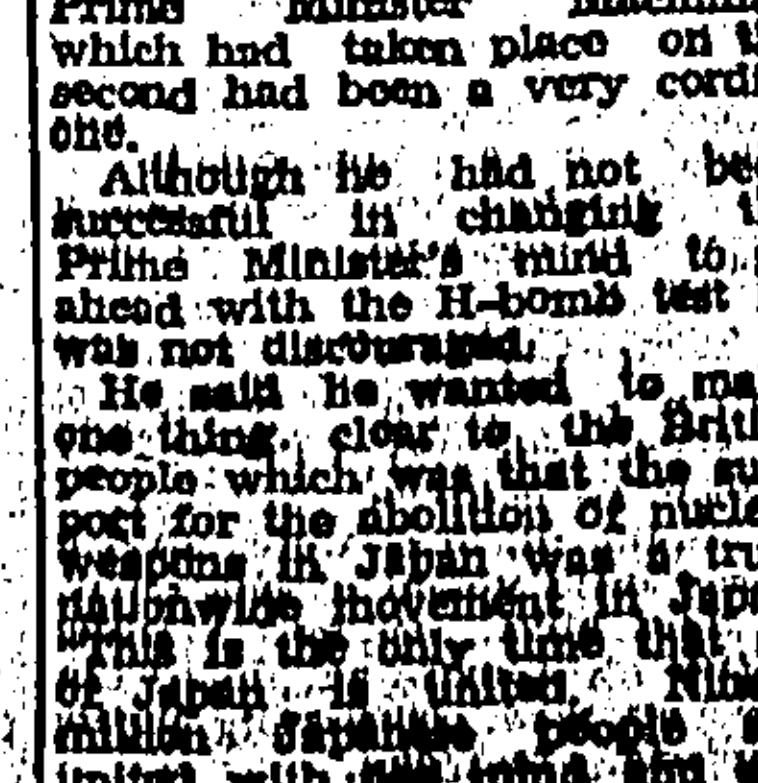
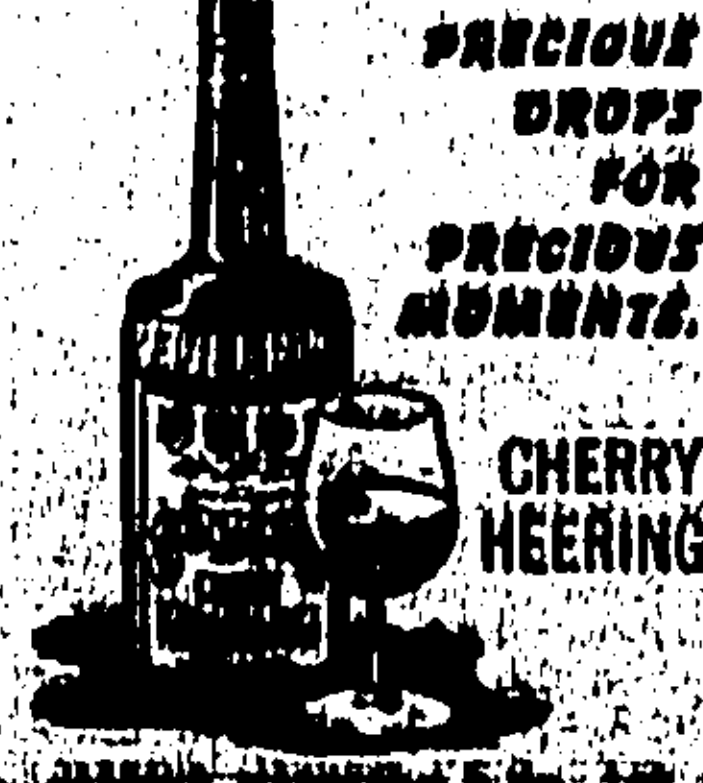
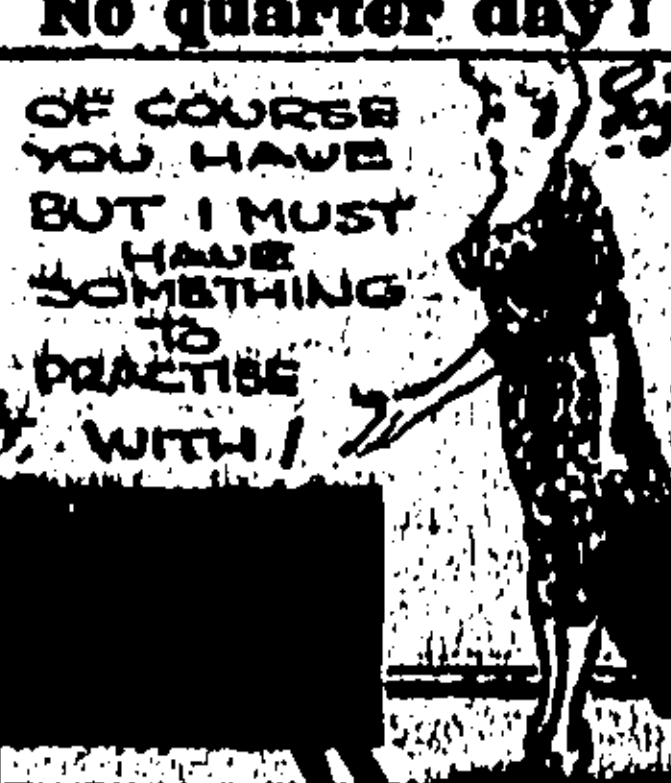
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Prince Sees Smallest Public Railway



Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Princess Anne visited over the weekend the Romney Hythe and Smeeth railway—smallest public railway in the world. Picture shows Prince Charles on the engine of one of the trains of the light railway at Hythe Station. — Express Photo.

Department Store For Japanese Union Workers

Tokyo, Apr. 4.—Three-story department store for the exclusive use of Japanese trade union workers was opened in Japan today by the Chairman of the Socialist Party, Mr. Matsuura Saburo.

Constructed at a cost of the equivalent of £255,000, the store occupies approximately 12,000 square feet of space.

A spokesman for the Socialist Party said the store, The Osaka Labour Union Livelihood Co-operative Union, will sell every type of consumer goods, from clothing to television sets. — Reuters.

Princess Margaret

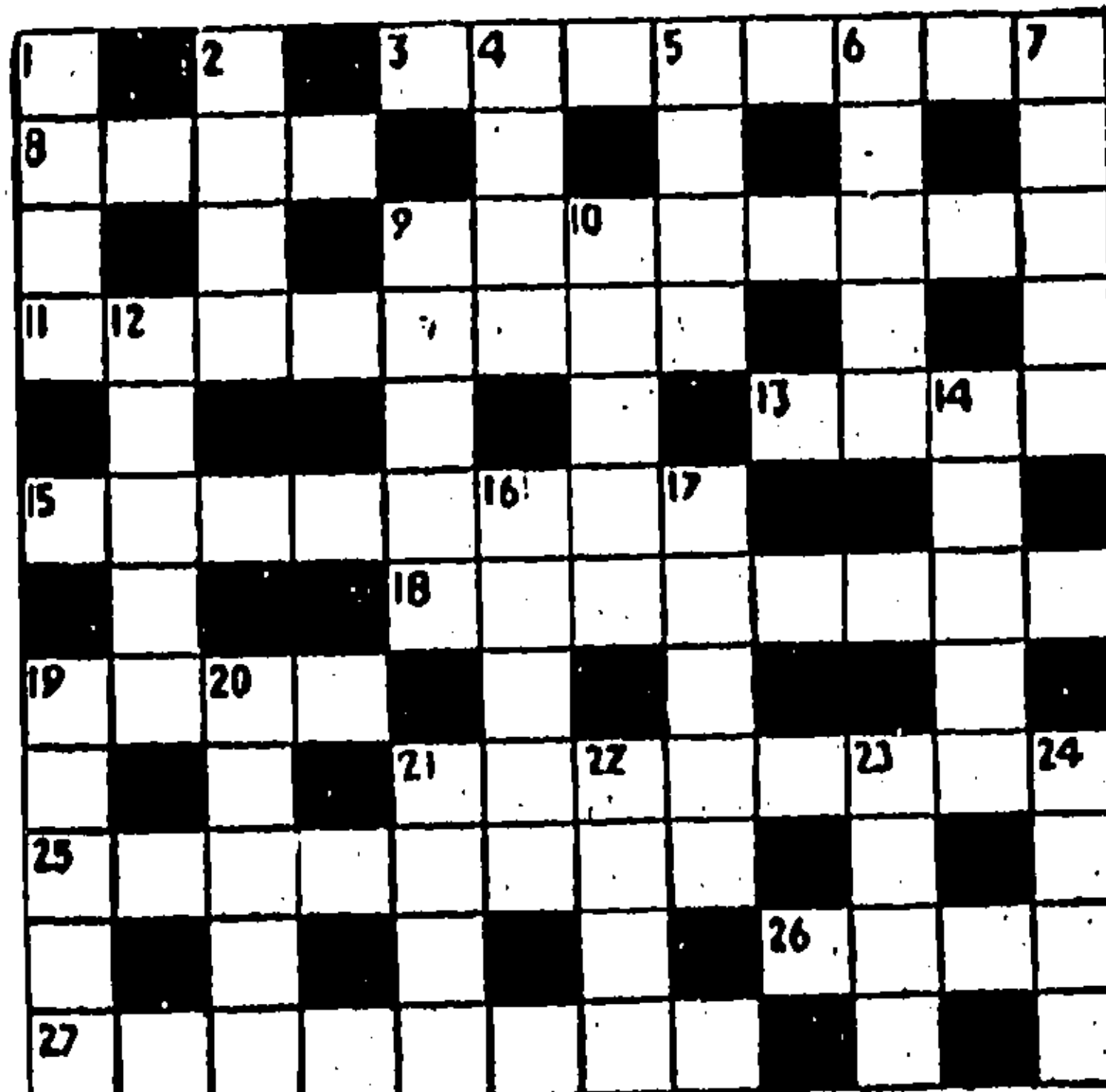
Popular Choice For Malayan Independence

Singapore, Apr. 5.—Tengku Abdul Rahman, Chief Minister of Malaya, already knew which member of the Royal Family will represent the Queen when Malaya is declared independent on August 31, the Straits Times said today.

But the representative's identity is a top secret, the newspaper said.

The popular choice, if left to the Malayan public, would be Princess Margaret, it added. — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Supposed (8)
- 8 Ennui (4)
- 9 Agreed (8)
- 11 Entire (8)
- 13 One who is this is not on the active list (4)
- 15 Geometrical shape (8)
- 18 Ingredients (9)
- 19 Spot (4)
- 21 Gathered (8)
- 23 Ale (8)
- 25 Scheme (4)
- 27 Pamphlets (8)

DOWN

- 1 Smart (4)
- 2 Fruit (4)
- 4 Meditate (4)
- 5 Mournful (4)
- 6 Observed (5)
- 7 Trick (5)
- 10 Purified (5)
- 12 Monsters (5)
- 14 Lissom (5)
- 16 Subdued light (5)
- 17 Correct (5)
- 19 Surpass (5)
- 20 To go round to see his Zoo favorite (5)
- 21 Scolded (4)
- 22 Torn (4)
- 23 Part (4)
- 24 Exhausted (4)

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Sings, 4 Sifts, 7 Ennui, 8 Larger, 9 Tassel, 11 Emerald, 13 Initiate, 15 Better, 18 Toppa, 19 Examined, 20 Tryst, 21 Embrace, 23 Down, 1 Scout, 2 Ernes, 3 Single, 4 Shelve, 5 Fragrant, 6 Scored, 10 Slippery, 12 Message, 13 Intact, 14 Assent, 16 Twine, 17 Ridge.

AID FROM JORDAN

Washington, Apr. 4.

The United States denied today that it threatened to withhold further aid from Jordan unless Jordan agreed to sever ties with Egypt and absorb all the Palestine refugees.

Premier Suleiman Nabulsi of Jordan was quoted as having told his nation by radio that both demands were made by the United States as a condition for American economic aid.

Premier Nabulsi also was quoted as saying that Jordan would reject American assistance on those terms and that it was ready to accept Soviet aid if offered.

Asked for comment, a State Department spokesman gave the United Press the following statement:

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"We have as yet received no report from our Embassy in Amman as to what the Prime Minister may have said.

"It is sufficient to note, however, that United States economic assistance to Jordan has continued within the limitations posed by the recent hostilities, and that the whole history of United States economic as-

istance reveals that such assistance is not conditioned upon political considerations such as those reportedly mentioned by Prime Minister Nabulsi.

"No such statements as those reportedly described by the Prime Minister were made by the United States Government. American economic aid to Jordan, which had been about \$7,500,000 a year, was suspended, together with aid to Israel and Egypt, at the time of the Israeli and Anglo-French action in Egypt.

Plans for resumption of aid to Jordan are flexible. The outcome is believed to depend to a large extent on Jordan's reaction to the purposes of the Eisenhower plan for the Middle East. American officials were not ready to accept Premier Nabulsi's reported remarks as conclusive evidence that Jordan was spurning all future American assistance and turning to Moscow for future aid.—United Press.

Will Take East-West Aid Without Strings

Amman, Apr. 4.

Jordan Premier, Sulima Nabulsi, said today that his country would "definitely never" antagonize the Soviet bloc "merely because the West wants us to do so," the Jordan radio reported.

Commenting on his government's decision to open diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, Nabulsi said that Jordan sought "good relations with the East and West alike."

Jordan would turn against the Soviet Union only if the Soviet Union showed itself hostile to Jordan's interests, he added. Nabulsi said it was in Jordan's interest to accept aid from either the East or the West, provided the aid was unconditional.

It is noted the United States Government of blacklisting the Arab nations. The United States had threatened to discontinue Point Four projects in Jordan if Jordan did not give up her pro-Egyptian policy and continued to refuse the principle of resettling Palestine refugees in Arab countries, Nabulsi said.

The United States has threatened to freeze the \$8,000,-

000 available at present for Point Four projects, he said. He said the future would prove that Jordan's alliance with Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia was dictated by "liberalized national interest, based on Arab solidarity."

PURE ARAB

"The idea of liberated Arab nationalism has so ripened in Arab minds that it has become a general doctrine similar to the Communist doctrine in which the Eastern bloc believes or the special principles in which the Western bloc believes," Nabulsi said.

He added that his government desired to keep Jordan "safe and sound for pure Arab nationalism and not a property of either the Eastern or Western bloc," the Jordan radio reported. —France-Press.

P-1B TEST-FLOWN

Last Of The Piloted Fighters?

London, Apr. 4.

The prototype of the English Electric supersonic P-1B jet fighter was test-flown for the first time today by the English Electric Company's chief test pilot, Wing Commander Roger Beaumont.

The P-1B has been ordered for mass production by the Royal Air Force and will probably be its last piloted fighter aircraft.

The P-1B, an improved model of the P-1, is a single-seat, all-weather, day or night fighter, propelled by two Rolls-Royce Avon jet engines with reheat. Equipped with radar, it is armed with guided missiles and a 33 mm cannon. Because of the heat caused by air friction at high speeds, the plane's cockpit has a refrigerating unit.

It is believed that the P-1B can reach 1,500 miles an hour. —France-Press.

Can't Abandon Tests

Tokyo, Apr. 5.—Britain cannot abandon nuclear weapons tests until there is a worldwide, general disarmament agreement, the returning British Ambassador, Sir Ender Denning, declared today. "Abolition of the H-bomb can take place only under a general disarmament agreement since the abolition of nuclear weapons will leave Russia with an overwhelming force built on conventional weapons," said the Ambassador in a farewell speech at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan.—United Press.

GENERALS' CASE DISCUSSED

Paris, Apr. 4.

The French Cabinet will resume the discussion tomorrow concerning the action to be taken in the cases of two generals who recently served in Algeria.

The Cabinet discussed the matter yesterday, but did not make a decision because of the absence of the French Resident Minister in Algiers, Robert Lacoste. Lacoste will attend tomorrow's Cabinet meeting.

The two generals, Jacques Faure and Paris De Bollardiere, paradoxically represent two extreme sides of the same issues and illustrate the uneasiness which has settled upon French public opinion with respect to the Algerian problem during recent weeks.

General Faure, 53, recently relieved of his command, has been accused of relations with certain extremist circles in Algeria who were said to be brooding "a subversive plan." He was ordered to be held for 30 days. He is said to feel that the present regime cannot save Algeria.

General Paris De Bollardiere, 47, former airborne troop commander in Indo-China, asked to be relieved from his operational command in Algeria. In an open letter, he expressed his anxiety about certain methods used in pacification actions in Algeria.

CONGRATULATED

He also congratulated a French Liberal editor, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, who had expressed similar preoccupations in a weekly L'Express and who had been indicted on charges of undermining army morale.

Premier Guy Mollet recently criticized those who disparaged the French army in Algeria and stated that France had no reason to be ashamed of the results of several investigations held on events in Algeria.

But the statement has not put an end to controversy. In the Paris press, raised less by the revelation of precise events than by spectacular incidents or position-taking.

These include the suicide of an Algerian lawyer, Ali Boumedjel, who had been arrested for alleged complicity with the rebels, the decision of a prominent Paris law professor, Rene Capitant, former Minister of National Education, to suspend classes until more light is thrown on the death of Boumedjel, and a letter of the Dean of the Algiers Law Faculty, Jacques Ferega, to the Minister of Defence. —France-Press.

CONSTITUTIONAL STUDY BY INDONESIAN

New York, Apr. 4.

Dr Wilopo, President of the Constituent Assembly of Indonesia, left New York this afternoon for Rio de Janeiro to continue comparative studies of constitutions and constitutional government in connection with the current process of drafting a constitution for Indonesia.

Asked whether the troubles in the outlying islands of the Indonesian Republic would delay the drafting of the constitution, he answered: "No, I don't think so. I will do my best not to be influenced by politics."

Asked if he felt the situation was critical for the Central Government, he replied: "No, I don't think so. There is in my country martial law which is nothing new and not a new law, but a legacy from the Dutch, who proclaimed martial law whenever there was an emergency."

Corruption

Asked whether there is corruption in the Government, as charged, he replied: "I think there is corruption, but it is exaggerated."

He said that later he plans to go to study parliamentary government in England, "which has an old constitution and then to Rome, which has a new constitution and a very good one."

Dr Wilopo said he felt the Indonesian people would endorse a West European type of parliamentary government and constitution rather than a presiden-

tial executive type such as in the United States, and that he thought the Indonesians would also prefer a single house legislature.

Best Features

Dr Wilopo thinks the Constituent Assembly which will begin its deliberations on May 13, will incorporate the best features of other West European type of constitutions. —France-Press.

US Informed Of Withdrawal

Washington, Apr. 4.

The State Department said today that it had been informed in advance of Britain's decision, announced in London today, to withdraw its troops from Korea.

Mr. Lincoln White, the Department's spokesman, was asked at his press conference today whether the planned British withdrawal would necessitate an increase in United States forces in South Korea.

He replied: "Not to my knowledge."

PROFESSOR QUESTIONED

Japanese Socialists Attempt To Embarrass Govt

By EARNEST HOBERECHT

Tokyo, Apr. 4.

The left-wing Socialist Party charged today that US congressional questioning of a visiting Japanese professor was a national discourtesy to Japan.

The Socialists were obviously trying to use the Tsuru incident to embarrass both the US and Tokyo governments in the eyes of the Japanese people. They based their attack on the fact that the US subcommittee investigating communism in America called visiting Japanese Prof. Shigeto Tsuru to testify.

The Socialists launched their anti-America attack at a hearing of the Japanese House of Representatives Education Committee.

Retreating under the blistering Socialist barrage, Seiichi Inouye, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, declared the Japanese Government is asking Washington "to see that it does not happen again to Japanese going to America in the future."

Making Capital

Prof. Tsuru of the Government education university in Tokyo went to the United States this year to teach at Harvard University.

Making capital of the fact that Tsuru, as an employee of a government university, went to the United States on an official passport, Socialist Diet members questioned the right of the US Congress to summon him.

Observers believed the Socialists were laying the ground for the cross-examination of Americans here in a retaliation move against the US Congress. Parliamentary sessions in Japan are notoriously rough. The Socialists, with labour union members in their Diet membership and with the help of the Communists, could use the sessions to embarrass Americans here, the US Government and the pro-Western Diet administration. Inouye told the Socialists Tsuru was obligated to testify before Congress because all foreigners in the US, except diplomats and those enjoying extraterritorial rights are subject to the laws of the US Government.

A Departure

He added, "however, I think the questioning of a government employee without approval of his home country is a departure from ordinary practice."

He pointed out that refusal of a person to testify before Congress can subject him to a maximum two months' imprisonment or \$1,000 fine. "Wasn't the US guilty of discourtesy to Japan when it failed to notify Japan of such an important case?" he demanded. Inouye nodded. "I quite agree with you. We have instructed our Embassy in Washington to request the US authorities to see that it does not happen again to Japanese going to America in the future." Minister Nobusuke Kishi did not appear before the

Lebanon Declares:

NO PEACE WITH ISRAEL

Beirut, Apr. 4.

The last "Israeli aggression was only a natural manifestation of aggressive expansionism inherent in Israeli's very existence," the Lebanese Premier, Sami Solh, told the Chamber of Deputies here today.

"We have conformed to the armistice convention, but we refuse to make peace with Israel," he said.

Sami Solh listed seven points on which the Lebanese foreign policy was based. These included the fact that the Lebanon was "an integral part of the Arab world," Lebanon's determination to work for the fulfillment of the Arab League's aims, with special stress on the fact that Syria was "a sister state" and the fact that Lebanon considered communism as "a danger threatening our national independence and a permanent factor hindering peace and world security."

Sami Solh said that negotiations with the Iraq Petroleum Company would shortly be resumed.

Earlier Sami Solh said that because of collaboration with the United States on the basis of President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine, the country would be ensured against Communist aggression. —France-Press.

A-WEAPONS FOR 2ND TAF:

Storm Expected In Germany

Bonn, Apr. 4.

THE announcement in the British defence White Paper that the Second Tactical Air Force—stationed in West Germany—is to be equipped with atomic armament is expected to feed a controversy raging here, diplomatic observers said tonight.

The Government of Dr Konrad Adenauer is believed to have no objection in principle to Allied forces here having atomic weapons—but the Social Democratic Opposition do object. Political observers expect that this issue may become a major one in the campaign for the federal elections in September.

The Social Democrats say that atomic weapons stationed in West Germany would make it more difficult to come to

terms with Russia about the reunification of Germany. They also say it would make nonsense of proposals to set up a zone of thinned-out military strength between Eastern and Western Europe. On the other hand, Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the Foreign Minister, has said that the West cannot confine the armaments to missile launchers merely to prove that it is pacific.

The precise text of the passage in the White Paper dealing with the Second Tactical Air Force was not yet known here, so there was no official comment. It appeared to be unclear whether it was proposed to bring over weapons capable of delivering an atomic punch without the warhead or whether it was proposed to store the warheads here too. —China Mail Special.

Belgian Tribute To Spaak

Brussels, Apr. 4.

The Belgian Senate today paid a unanimous tribute to Foreign Minister, Paul Henri Spaak, as he made his last speech in Parliament before resigning to become Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Spaak, defending the Foreign Ministry's budget for the last time, declared his faith in the ideal of the United Nations, although expressing certain re-

servations about the organization's functions.

He also defended the legitimacy of NATO's action in the face of "Soviet imperialism" and stressed the necessity of co-ordinating the policies of its members. Spaak emphasised the revolutionary significance of the European Common Market Treaty recently signed in Bonn, and expressed his confidence in the "new way of thinking" which the market would introduce in Europe. —France-Press.



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RUSSIAN ATOM REPORT

From ALAN BRIEN: New York

may start U.S. probe

Pravda thesis describes
work in America

THE exchange of scientific information between America and Soviet scientists may be the subject of a new investigation soon by U.S. security agencies. Since the atom spy trials it has been generally assumed that Western physicists no longer freely

exchanged progress reports with their colleagues behind the Iron Curtain.

But the danger of such exchanges was dramatised recently by a report in *Pravda* that a Soviet scientist had gone far towards explaining the mechanics of a hitherto mysterious phenomenon known as "anti-matter."

U.S. scientists praised

Its behaviour is analysed by a Soviet professor, L. D. Landau, one of the world's most distinguished physicists,

in a paper which pays some tribute to the work on the problem carried out by American scientists.

Some of the information about American research could have been easily obtained in Russia from articles published here in scientific journals.

But I understand that what has brought the Russian thesis to the notice of the U.S. security agents is the fact that much of the information apparently could only have been obtained by private communication between scientists across the Iron Curtain.

Experts disagree on the military potential of anti-

matter. One delegate to a technical conference in San Diego last week said that a war-head of anti-matter on a 5,000-mile missile would "make the hydrogen bomb look like a firecracker."

Another scientist estimated that a single gramme of anti-matter would have the explosive power of the atom bomb which disintegrated Hiroshima.

Disagreement came from one of the American university physicists who had taken part in the experimental work on anti-matter. "Any warlike use at the moment would be highly unlikely," he told me. "There is no doubt it has a potential destructive power."

BORGE'S FIRST STOP

by JOHN BARBER



BORGE, WIFE SANNA, AND THREE OF THE CHILDREN.

London. AN enormous eight-room flat near Hyde Park was booked. The refrigerator is full of baby foods and cheeses.

And tickets are selling fast at the Palace Theatre for the first visit to London of the world's highest-paid (£1,000 an hour) comedian-pianist, Victor Borge.

Borge (rhymes with show business. He began as an infant prodigy pianist in Copenhagen. He became Denmark's top stage and screen comic (and has been knighted by King Frederick IX).

He was a sensation. No one who saw Borge can forget him. Interest in his in-person appearance has been boiling ever since.

In America he got £100,000 last year for two TV shows (he refuses to do more than two a year). Yet critics say that on TV he is nothing. You have to see the man in the flesh. Proof? His one-man show, "Comedy With Music," ran more than two years on Broadway, grossed, \$900,000.

REFUGEE

NOW he is on a world tour, London first stop. For 47-year-old Borge this is the third career in

THE THINGS HE SAYS

● My grandfather crossed an Idaho potato with a sponge. It tasted horrible. But it sure held a lot of gravy.

● In my TV script it said: "Lights dim as we dissolve..." Then dissolve to film. Cross and dissolve to commercial. Some night I shall be so completely dissolved, people will call me Instant Borge.

● I have composed a symphony for 55 saxophones and a drum. I call it *Holiday for Saxins*.

from the Nazis, and acted as "warm-up man" on Bing Crosby's radio show. He outshone the star.

What Borge does is easily described. How he does it has not yet been conveyed in print. In Bob Hope's phrase, this lean, immaculately-dressed, Cary Grant-like entertainer is "Danish ham on wry."

Like most musical spoofers he plays a tune—"Happy Birthday"—in styles from Bach to Johann Strauss. He ripples through Tchaikovsky, Chopin and Rachmaninoff. But rather well: Moisewitch calls his touch "miraculous."

CARICATURE

AND then—he talks. He does a ribald caricature of Liberace. He has been said to have "a monumental gift for exaggerated disparagement" and "a razor-edged command of the innuendo." And his long-play record witnesses his love of skyparks.

He delights in satire and switches easily from a sonata to a sputnik. He sums up his attitude to great composers in

five words: "I like joshing the Titans."

He says: "Every time I play Mozart, I hear a little voice that whispers: 'Don't play it... don't play it! Mozart!'"

"Before 1847," he will say, "this waltz was not written, so Chopin wrote it because he wanted to hear what it sounded like, but when he first played it he didn't recognise it because he had never heard it before."

DAZZLER

HE goes off on nonsensical orations on everything from his five children to his self-winding watch ("In a minute and a half it will be low tide in Honolulu").

He will say: "The piano is really a marvellous instrument, and few people appreciate its versatility. Its very useful for boiling eggs, for instance. I just play the Minute Waltz three times."

Even from TV, you can tell what Borge is up to. He is the last of the circus's musical clowns. By turning the act into the sleekest thing in modern showland, he has dazzled America with Europe's oldest joke.

Now he brings it back to Europe: the ancient, sure-fire combination of slapstick and attitude to great composers in

HELL'S ANGELS BRING TERROR TO CHICAGO!

THE little girl playing hopscotch on the pavement long after dark saw the door of the shack she called her home suddenly jerk open.

Out stumbled her 16-year-old brother, with a policeman behind him. The policeman "frisked" him and found a wicked-looking spring-blade knife strapped to his calf.



CHRISTOPHER DOBSON

takes a week-end look at the vicious teenage mobs which now rule gangster Al Capone's old stamping ground.

U.S.A.

The girl went on playing hopscotch as the police-car drove off with the boy. She had seen it all before.

The boys belonged to one of Chicago's teenage gangs, which make our homegrown Teddy Boys and girls, look like shrinking violets. Especially the Chicago girls.

There are 29 girl gangs in the city—Hell's Angels, Rebelettes, Marchionesses, and a lot more.

Their uniform never varies—a zipper jacket with the "club" name blazoned across the back and a pair of blue skin-tight jeans.

The gangs—both boys and girls—have their own territories and brands of lawlessness.

One specialises in stealing cars, another in forcing younger children to buy raffle tickets and stealing their lunch money.

Another wrecks buses, and yet another robs drunks in Chicago's "Sidd Row."

BATTLEFIELD

The battlefield was littered with knives, pieces of pipe, and knuckle-dusters when police broke up a fight between two gangs the other night.

Fifteen white boys—the Rebels—are in gaol on a charge of beating a Negro to death. A sniping fight with air rifles developed one night between two other gangs. One boy lost an eye.

Again another night a school basketball trainer was stabbed in the arm when he tried to stop a fight among rival young spectators at a school game.

A dozen boys and girls wrecked a coach, ripping out the seats and fittings and then ruining the engine.

Four boys and girls were arrested at one school as narcotics users.

The girl gangsters egg on the boys to new lawlessness and carry weapons for them just as gun molls carried guns for mobsters in the Capone era.

The police blame the high-wage era, which has drawn the Southern Negro, the Puerto Rican, the Mexican, and the poor white "hill-billies" of the South to the city.

Their children are now cutting loose.

PROBLEM OF OSCARS

From ALAN BRIEN: New York, Thursday

THE Hollywood Oscar awards occur in a month's time. Rarely has the attribution of credits been in such a state of confusion. Most of the argument has grown out of the question—Who wrote what?

On the long list of films submitted to the 600 members of the Writers' Guild of America for nomination were two called High Society.

One was entered by Allied Artists and the other by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Only five films were recommended. One was the Allied Artists' High Society.

This turned out to be a Bowery Boys' second feature.

Back stage talks

After backstage negotiations the writers of the Bowery Boys' farce withdrew.

Then it appeared that the MGM High Society was also not eligible. It was not an original film script.

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A RACE TO REMEMBER LORD DERBY DODGES AN ANGRY CROWD—PUGILISTS TO THE RESCUE

By PERCY RUDD

The fourteenth Earl of Derby, who was twice Prime Minister of United Kingdom, was saved by the pressure of political duties from being attacked by an infuriated mob on Doncaster racecourse during the St Leger meeting of 1854.

The race that caused all the trouble was the Doncaster Stakes, run two days after the Leger. To understand the anger of the crowd at its result one must go back into the classic form of a year when British soldiers were engaged overseas in the battles of the Crimean war.

Lord Derby's horses, all trained by John Scott at Malton, Yorkshire, had started favourites for the Derby, Oaks and Leger, but all had been beaten. Incidentally, his Lordship 22 years' association with the turf, but was never successful in the Derby. Racing was so much in his mind that once in a speech in Parliament he referred to the Clerk of the House as the Clerk of the Course.

In the St Leger this year he ran three horses—Borardo, quoted at 6-4, Acrobat, a Goodwood winner now backed at 7-1, and the Derby favourite, Denish, the outsider of the trio.

Borardo was going well until he fell lame in the straight. Acrobat was beaten soon after the start. Denish was never in the hunt. The winner was an Irish horse, Knight of St George, who beat Ivan by a head. Acrobat finished ten lengths behind, fifth.

Two days later Lord Derby asked the Doncaster Stakes, in which he was running Acrobat again, should be brought forward ten minutes to enable him to catch a train. This was done and immediately the race was over he hurried away to join the Cabinet in London. In three days the battle of the Alma began.

UGLY SCENE

The call to Ministerial duty was a fortunate circumstance for His Lordship. Not even his great personal popularity in the North would have saved him from the insults and possibly the physical violence of the angry mob who precipitated one of the ugliest scenes ever known on an English racecourse.

For this time, Acrobat was sent from Ivan, and the tough North-country crowd left they had been "done". A storm of hissing succeeded the silence with which the result had been received, and "Sims" Templeman brought Acrobat back to the paddock to a chorus of vulgar abuse, in dire danger of being dragged from his back.

Counter-chairs for Lord Derby from the stand only served further to incense the crowd. John Scott was spotted. Someone shouted "Look at Scott! He's smiling." And there was the trainer, cut off from the weighing room, in the gravest peril.

The situation was saved by a couple of pugilists, Harry Brown and his old sparring partner Macdonald, now employed as "handlers" in the cause of law and order. Their rush to the rescue was reinforced by

some of Scott's many friends, and, hitting out right and left, they carved a way through the seething mass to the comparatively safe safety of the weighing room.

Here the shaken trainer retreated to a balcony room upstairs while Brown and Macdonald held the weighing room door successfully against all attacks.

Later in the afternoon Scott, surrounded by his bodyguard, saddled Virago to win the Doncaster Cup. It was as well this horse did so, for Scott's son, after the saddling ceremony had been performed, advised his father to go back to the safety of the stands. "If he makes a mistake," he said, "they'll be wanting that again!"

NATURAL GENIUS

John Scott, known as "The Wizard of the North", has been described as the greatest trainer of all time. He won the St Leger six times, the Derby six times, the Oaks nine times, the Two Thousand Guineas six times and the One Thousand four times.

It is true that he had great and rich owners, among them the Duke of Westminster, Lord Chesterfield and Mr. John Thorne, in addition to Lord Derby, as patrons of his stable. And he never housed fewer than 100 horses at a time when the total in training throughout the country was only about ten times that number.

But over and above all this was his natural genius for his job. He was born in a village near Newmarket, where his father was a jockey and trainer, but he was a Yorkshireman by adoption, with all the qualities of shrewdness and horse-knowledge instinctive to that county.

There was something in him akin to that later North Riding character, Mat Peacock, who, after running a horse at Ascot, gleefully set off for home with the remark "Now let's get back to England!"

One could imagine Mat echoing a favourite assertion of John Scott that he would "rather be hanged on Langton Wood this home gallop at Malton than feasted at Newmarket."

It was astonishing that after the Doncaster riot the wise, if impetuous Admiral Rous should have attacked the probability of such a man in a letter to Lord Derby.

Not for the first or last time did the Admiral's pen run away

with him. Lord Derby refused to regard the letter as private or privileged and sent a copy to Scott. Soldiers' letters were exchanged and Rous had to make a public apology and admit that his suspicions were unfounded.

There was evidence from a veterinary that his jockey, Alfred Day, that Borardo did really break down in the Leger. Charles Greville, acting for the Admiral, admitted that in all the trials, at all distances, Borardo proved himself a better horse than Acrobat and that Scott was confident he would have won the Leger but for this mishap.

The apology wouldn't have satisfied modern lawyers, who would have wanted substantial damages for libel. But in 1854 the whole affair was little more than a nine days' wonder.

Perhaps it was just as well that the story of Balclava, Sebastopol and Alma gave the protagonists and the public something else to distract their attention.

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HOME SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the Home soccer fixtures for tomorrow:

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| Arsenal | vs | Leeds |
| Birmingham | vs | Sunderland |
| Burnley | vs | Bolton |
| Cardiff | vs | Luton |
| Chelsea | vs | Aston Villa |
| Manchester U. | vs | Tottenham |
| Newcastle | vs | Blackpool |
| Portsmouth | vs | Manchester C. |
| Preston | vs | Wolves |
| Sheff. Wed. | vs | Sheff. U. |
| West Brom | vs | Charlton |

Second Division

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| Doncaster | vs | Notts Forest |
| Grimsby | vs | Sheff. U. |
| Grimsby | vs | Sheff. U. |
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Third Division (South)

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| Albion | vs | Norwich |
| Barnsley | vs | Southend |
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Third Division (North)

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| Accrington | vs | Rochdale |
| Bradford C. | vs | Hull |
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Scottish League "A"

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MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT ON MAY 1

Chicago, Apr. 4.—World Middleweight Boxing Champion Gene Fullmer and former champion Sugar Ray Robinson today signed the official contract for their return bout for the title, to be held in Chicago on May 1.

Robinson, who made a sensational comeback to the ring last year when he won the world crown from Carl "Bobo" Olson by a second round knockout, was defeated on points by Fullmer in a first title bout in New York on February 2 this year. —France-Press.

Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

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| 2.00 p.m. Race 1 MOUNT KELLET HANDICAP (1 mile 171 Yards, Class 8) | 132 Belinda (Kraenepoerff) 150 lbs. |
| 100 Curley (Belokopoff) 137 lbs. | 041 Delovet (Tokmokoff) 145 lbs. |
| 322 Dreadnought (Rodney) 150 lbs. | 230 Gigha (Kraenepoerff) 145 lbs. |
| 404 Straight Flush (Metrevell) 145 lbs. | 060 Ann Cook (Lum) 142 lbs. |
| 130 Scrabo (Rodney) 150 lbs. | 240 Lawrence (Perchett) 141 lbs. |
| 040 Armament (Shib) 148 lbs. | 300 Violet Ray (Metrevell) 141 lbs. |
| 041 Vigorosa Ara (Kraenepoerff) 145 lbs. | 000 Dayshore (A. B. Wong) 139 lbs. |
| 040 Advancement (Lum) 145 lbs. | 000 Sunstreak (Chew) 135 lbs. |
| Possible Acceptors: Tumbleweed, May Blown, Yellowlegs, Fortune, W. On Jubilation. | 5.00 p.m. Race 2 MOUNT BUTLER HANDICAP (2nd Section) 1 mile 171 Yards, Class 4 |
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| 400 Herry On (Lum) 145 lbs. | 000 Beat That (Rodney) 150 lbs. |
| 002 Kentucky Lad (Rodney) 150 lbs. | 100 Caesar (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. |
| 010 Venetia (Tokmokoff) 154 lbs. | 000 Dragony (Nood) 150 lbs. |
| 000 Pat (Pat) (Lum) 140 lbs. | 401 Giddup (Kraenepoerff) 150 lbs. |
| Expectation (Metrevell) 140 lbs. | 100 Mareset (Lum) 150 lbs. |
| 000 Amethyst (Kraenepoerff) 145 lbs. | 022 How Do I Know (Nood) 153 lbs. |
| 000 Janta Bid (Tokmokoff) 141 lbs. | 400 John Halifax (Rodney) 152 lbs. |
| 000 Calypso (Rodney) 145 lbs. | 023 Beautiful Phoenix (Lum) 151 lbs. |
| Possible Acceptors: Hammer Mill, Billy Boy, Lamien Parade. | 001 Mayfair (A. S. Wong) 151 lbs. |
| 3.00 p.m. Race 3 MOUNT JOHNSON HANDICAP (1 mile 171 Yards, Class 8) | 021 Harrington (Rodney) 150 lbs. |
| 010 Cornhill (Metrevell) 150 lbs. | 021 Peach Blossom (Lum) 145 lbs. |
| 000 Blende (Softmott) 138 lbs. | 000 Hallmark (Belokopoff) 143 lbs. |
| 100 Snowy (Nood) 157 lbs. | 000 Emerald (Chiang) 141 lbs. |
| 400 Easy Slam (Metrevell) 155 lbs. | Possible Acceptors: Potentially. |
| 001 Hiawatha (Rodney) 155 lbs. | 5.30 p.m. Race 4 MOUNT NICHOLSON HANDICAP (2nd Section) 1 mile 171 Yards, Class 7 |
| 000 Mayne Charger (Lum) 153 lbs. | 100 Wise Leader (Kwok) 159 lbs. |
| 040 Matador (Softmott) 154 lbs. | 000 Prince Dahlia (Perchett) 157 lbs. |
| 000 Full-of-Spirit (Lum) 151 lbs. | 21 Esquire (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs. |
| 001 Not So Bad (Metrevell) 145 lbs. | 240 Pei Chi (Kraenepoerff) 153 lbs. |
| 000 Million Dollar (Lum) 145 lbs. | 000 Free Kick (Belokopoff) 150 lbs. |
| 011 Pearl of Hongkong (Metrevell) 150 lbs. | 023 Hawaiian Moon (Nood) 155 lbs. |
| Possible Acceptors: Quizzette, My Pal, Sabrina, Escalator, Caravelle. | 430 Santa Claus (Lum) 153 lbs. |
| 3.30 p.m. Race 5 MOUNT NICHOLSON HANDICAP (1st Section) 1 mile 171 Yards, Class 7 | 000 Jezabel (A. S. Wong) 150 lbs. |
| 000 Our Pride (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs. | 000 Lombard (Metrevell) 150 lbs. |
| 001 Silver Dahlia (Perchett) 159 lbs. | 001 Tamerlane (Softmott) 150 lbs. |
| 000 Orange King (Softmott) 155 lbs. | 101 Straitpepper (Rodney) 145 lbs. |
| 430 Flying Dutchman (Chew) 153 lbs. | 000 Atomc Caesar (Lum) 144 lbs. |
| 010 Sultan (S. H. Wong) 153 lbs. | 000 Comet (Perchett) 144 lbs. |
| 020 Emperor Delight (Nood) 151 lbs. | 000 Rebel II (S. H. Wong) 144 lbs. |
| 000 French Bean (Belokopoff) 150 lbs. | 004 Good Girl (Lum) 143 lbs. |
| 000 Gay Sire (Kraenepoerff) 150 lbs. | 000 Trilby (Rodney) 141 lbs. |
| 110 Attractive Power (Lum) 140 lbs. | 003 New Love (Lum) 140 lbs. |
| 000 Perfectibility (Perchett) 148 lbs. | 6.00 p.m. Race 6 MOUNT DAVIS HANDICAP (2nd Section) 1 mile 171 Yards, Class 4 |
| 000 Malmsall II (Rodney) 144 lbs. | 311 Bengal Lancer (S. H. Wong) 157 lbs. |
| 000 Ma Cherie (Nood) 142 lbs. | 201 Never Forget (Lum) 157 lbs. |
| 000 King Rider (Tokmokoff) 141 lbs. | 001 Fenchurch (Metrevell) 150 lbs. |
| 000 Waslan (Lum) 145 lbs. | 110 Queen's Parchment (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs. |
| 004 Carola (A. S. Wong) 135 lbs. | 000 Ecstasy (Chiang) 153 lbs. |
| Possible Acceptors: Chickupum, Tumbelba, Tell-me-more, Morning Dew. | 122 Old Tyre (Softmott) 152 lbs. |
| 4.00 p.m. Race 5 MOUNT DAVIS HANDICAP (1st Section) 1 mile 171 Yards, Class 4 | 410 Bright Day (Lum) 147 lbs. |
| 222 Huntington (Rodney) 159 lbs. | 000 Diamond Dahlia (Perchett) 145 lbs. |
| 000 Manxman (Perchett) 157 lbs. | 200 Princess Ellen (Lum) 145 lbs. |
| 004 Filda (Kraenepoerff) 153 lbs. | 6.30 p.m. Race 6 POTTINGER PEAK HANDICAP (2nd Section) 1 mile 171 Yards, Class 5 |
| 000 First Edition (Belokopoff) 140 lbs. | 010 Yin Chi (Rodney) 159 lbs. |
| 003 Supreme Command (Lum) 140 lbs. | 022 Fox Hunter (Softmott) 157 lbs. |
| 000 After Dark (Tokmokoff) 145 lbs. | 002 Jip On (Chew) 157 lbs. |
| 210 Sea Raider (Softmott) 145 lbs. | 001 Gladie (Metrevell) 150 lbs. |
| 320 Apple Pie (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs. | 000 Empire Rose (Softmott) 155 lbs. |
| Possible Acceptors: Cover Girl, Hylander, Oscar Prince. | 000 Crackerjack (Belokopoff) 153 lbs. |
| 4.30 p.m. Race 6 POTTINGER PEAK HANDICAP (1st Section) 1 mile 171 Yards, Class 5 | 204 Same Again (Rodney) 153 lbs. |
| 000 Five Gals (Nood) 159 lbs. | 000 Aladdin (Kraenepoerff) 150 lbs. |
| 020 Anna (Rodney) 155 lbs. | 000 Glory (S. H. Wong) 150 lbs. |
| 003 Distant Sky (Lum) 158 lbs. | 001 Possibility II (Perchett) 145 lbs. |
| 000 Constellation (Nood) 155 lbs. | 040 Thousand Miles (Nood) 145 lbs. |
| 000 Fieldmaster (Shib) 153 lbs. | 310 Firestone (Metrevell) 143 lbs. |
| | 000 Good Condition (Lum) 140 lbs. |
| | 300 Helixpopin (Lum) 140 lbs. |
| | 000 Citrus (Lum) 136 lbs. |
| | Possible Acceptors: Fung Chi, Everglade. |
| | Jockey Allowance to be claimed. |

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Tenth Race Meeting continues tomorrow afternoon with the first bell being rung at 1.30 p.m. and the opening race commencing at 2 p.m. sharp. There are again 10 races to be contested.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Mount Kellett Handicap: From 2-Mile Post. The meeting opens with a run for Class 8 ponies to be ridden by novice riders. After a success over this distance at the last meeting, Vigorosa Ara (Allan Chan) has been promoted to this class and, judging from that performance, I take a fancy to this bay mare annexing this event. Strong opposition is sure to come from Curley (M. A. C. Raza).

SECOND RACE

Mount Butler Handicap (Second Section): 1 Mile 171 Yards. Kentucky Lad (C. F. Ng) certainly disappointed the last time out, but should make amends in this six-furlong sprint despite being matched against such speedsters as Vendetta (K. Kwok), Expectation (W. K. Shieh) and Amethyst (A. Ostroumoff). However, the draw for positions will play an important part in deciding the eventual winner and any one of the above-mentioned ponies could lead the way home without unduly exerting itself should it get off to a flying start from a good position.

THIRD RACE

Mount Johnson Handicap: From 1 1/2 Mile Post. Despite carrying too weight of 150 lbs., Cornhill (A. Ostroumoff), recalling his form in the last two times out, should romp away with the first place money. If W. M. Chan can get off to a good start on the rise of the barrier on Not So Bad in this cutting, this combination will represent a good challenge. Other notable contenders for honours are Hiawatha (Andrew Lam), Million Dollar (C. F. Ng) and Pearl of Hongkong (Alex Lam).

FOURTH RACE

Mount Nicholson Handicap (First Section): 1 Mile, Class 7. Our Pride (Chun Kit), though carrying 159 lbs., looks the best bet for this mile race, though Perfectibility (P. Y. Wei) is fast picking up in condition and if Our Pride doesn't win then this pony should. Attractive Power (K. Kwok) is not altogether out of the running and neither is Orange King with H. K. Hung on its back.

FIFTH RACE

Mount Davis Handicap (First Section): From 2-Mile Post. In this race Sea Raider (C. W. Wong) will have an opportunity to score a win after its performance in the Victoria Handicap for Class 3 ponies over this distance on the first day of the Annual Race Meeting. When it won in the good time of 1:57-2/5, carrying 150 lbs., but was later disqualified for jostling. There is Supreme Command (Chen Poo) to be considered and it should give Sea Raider a good run for the first position. Filda (K. Kwok) should be best regarded for third place.

SIXTH RACE

Pottinger Peak Handicap (First Section): One Mile. After its brilliant win in the Jockey Cup over the two-mile post on the third day of the Annual Race Meeting, Beloved

Smyslov Leads 7-5

WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Paris, Apr. 4.

The 13th game in the World Chess Championship match in Moscow between the holder, Mikhail Botvinnik, and challenger Vassily Smyslov was adjourned after the 40th move, with the whites (Botvinnik) holding a distinct advantage over the blacks (Smyslov). Tass news agency reported. Smyslov was leading by 7 points to 5 after the 12th game, —France-Press.

(Sum Chow) is carrying 150 lbs., less 7 lbs. for a novice jockey tomorrow. As it is in great form at the moment, it is just possible that it may yet score another win.

On the other hand, Violet Ray (H. K. Cheng) and Belinda (A. Ostroumoff) have shown good form in their morning gallops and should give a good account of themselves against Beloved.

SEVENTH RACE

Mount Cameron Handicap: From 1 1/2 Mile Post. This sprint event is confined to Class 4 ponies. Over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters. Giddup (H. M. Beltho), a speedster over this distance, has been given 150 lbs. to carry, but, in spite of this, I still nominate it to win.

A strong challenge will naturally come from Barrington (Robert Tsai) which is coming along nicely and should be very near at the finish.

Masoot (Albert Lam) and Beautiful Phoenix (H. K. Hung) are not to be neglected as they are good enough to extend the above two ponies.

EIGHTH RACE

Mount Nicholson Handicap (Second Section): One Mile. It is high time that Atomc Caesar (C. F. Ng) does something to redeem itself and I see very little that the other entries can do to stop this.

NINTH RACE

Mount Davis Handicap (Second Section): From 2-Mile Post. Fenchurch (A. Ostroumoff) is all set for a win here. Outsider (Alex Lam) and Queen's Parchment (K. Kwok) have been attracting some attention by their good morning trials. But Bengal Lancer (Robert Tsai) is ready to take on the best here and is a good outsider.

TENTH RACE

Pottinger Peak Handicap (Second Section): One Mile. This is the final race of the meeting and is confined to the Second Section of Class 5 ponies. First choice for this would be Yin Chi, as he is a very fast runner and has a good morning on its back. The combination will be hard to beat.

Second choice is Gladie (K. Kwok) which is Good Condition (H. K. Cheng) is good enough to take third place.

Citrus (W. R. Holman), if it isn't too far behind at the final bend, may cause an upset.

New York.

The U.S. which has chosen to go along experienced although non-victorious Davis Cup tennis players for the past few years, again must choose in 1957 whether it will gamble all on younger players who have seen limited international play.

Vic Seixas has been the mainstay of the Americans in Davis Cup play since Tony Trabert turned pro, but Seixas is 34 years old. Last year Herb Flam was the other singles player, with Sammy Giammalva replacing Flam after the Cup was safely retained by Australia in the first three matches.

Seixas still is playing tennis this year, but Barry MacKay is coming up as a player, Giammalva wants to make the team again, and Jerry Moss and other college stars are in the running.

There will be room for experimentation in the North American Zone play, as the U.S. meets the British West Indies in the first round, and will get its other opposition from among Canada, Brazil, Cuba, Venezuela and Israel.

"We would like to take our Davis Cup squad as a group to Wimbledon, and have them work out together under a competent coach," said Selection Committee Chairman Chauncey Steele, Jr.

"We need new players badly," said Giammalva. "Just the same, we've got a good chance to win the Cup back again this year. Ken Rosewall is professional now, and Lew Hoad's back injury may hamper him."

NOT EVEN THAT FAR

The U.S. might never get to the Challenge Round. Kurt Nielsen of Denmark is determined that his country shall win the European Zone, and said his teammate Torben Ulrich is playing the best tennis of his life. Nielsen just won the U.S.

chestnut mare scoring unless the going turns out to be on the heavy side.

Esquire (Robert Tsai) together with recently promoted Tamerlane (Wm. P. K. Ling) and Lombard (A. Ostroumoff) should have some say in this race.

Free Kick (H. K. Chung) and Comet (Chun Kit) have every chance to place.

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U.S. May Have To Gamble On A Young Davis Cup Team

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Wedding Postponed

SHE was to have been a spring bride. A quiet wedding it was to have been, one appropriate to a woman of Marion's age, which is 46, and her dignity, which is considerable.

Marion looks older than her years. There is a frailty about her appearance, a patient gentleness in her features rarely found in the mid-40s. Her manner reminds you of those elderly countesses who devote their lives to the obscurest causes, half-starving themselves in the gallant process. That manner played its part in her undoing.

THE TRUTH OUT

WHEN Marion announced, in a public house, that she was collecting for a famous and deserving charity, money was handed to her promptly and generously. So it was in other bars, and in each Marion gave a receipt—signing her own name to it—for the gifts she was handed. Then one day, she was challenged, and the truth came out. Marion had no connection with the charity. The shillings and half-crowns that she had collected were all spent on herself.

At Bow Street, Marion, spring-bonneted and robbing, pleaded guilty to obtaining money by false pretences on four occasions.

DESPICABLE

HER story was told to Sir Laurence Durne. "This woman has been a nurse for most of her life," a detective said, and he told of some of the jobs Marion had held—in

nursing-homes, at a public school, in private houses. "There are four previous convictions," he said, and listed those. They were all for theft. Then the officer told of Marion's forthcoming marriage and, trembling, handed the chief magistrate a letter from her fiancé.

In the quiet courtroom, Sir Laurence read the letter, then he said: "This is a pathetic letter, but I can't allow that to influence me. This was despicable, mean, trading on people's charitable instincts. Go to prison for six months."

"Oh, no oh, no," Marion cried, and she was led away, crying bitterly, as if she felt how little pity there was in the eyes of those who watched her go, who usually are generous with pity.

'Spare No Efforts' Plea By Union

Singapore, Apr. 5. Union leaders of the 40,000 civilian employees of Britain's armed forces on Singapore last night urged Mr. Lim Yew Hock's all-party mission in London "to spare no efforts" to reach an agreement with the British Government on the employees' future.

Speakers said they could not accept London reports that their position had been "satisfactorily settled" following talks between the Chief Minister and senior officials of the British Defence Ministry. —Reuter.

REFUGEES MARCH ON LEGATION

Washington, Apr. 4. A group of refugees from the Hungarian revolt tried to crash into the Hungarian Legation here tonight to protest against its annual celebration of Hungary's "liberation" day.

The refugees, who brandished the Hungarian freedom flag, were restrained by police, who arrested them on charges of violating a local ordinance forbidding demonstration within 500 feet of Embassies and Legations.

In all ten youths were arrested. Four tried to crash the Legation. The other six were standing near the doorway to the building and refused to move when police asked them to leave. Some 40 policemen were in the area.

Most of the guests at the celebration were unaware of the demonstration. The Party commemorated the 12th anniversary of the Russian "liberation" of Hungary from German troops in World War II.

BOYCOTTED

American and other Western diplomats boycotted the affair in protest against Soviet suppression of the Hungarian revolt last autumn and the subsequent actions of the Soviet-imposed puppet regime of János Kádár. The State Department said only yesterday that the Kádár government had reverted to the "worst practices of the Stalinist terror." It said the Communists had "viciously sought to identify, seize and crush" participants in the ill-fated revolution.

Among the diplomats observed at the Legation Party were the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Georgi Zarubin, the Syrian Ambassador, Mr. Farid Zineddine, and the Jordanian Ambassador, Mr. Abdul Monem Rifai. Throughout the party, a large group of Hungarian anti-Communists picketed the area around the Legation.

Led by the blonde, Hungarian-born actress, Ilona Massey, they carried signs which told the party-goers: "Don't drink champagne with murderers." "Don't drink champagne mixed with blood." They also carried a red sign proclaiming: "This is the colour we want out of Hungary."

REVOLUTIONARY

The four youths who attempted to storm the Legation were led by a young man who identified himself as Gabor Babler. He said he participated in the revolt last autumn.

He and his friends reached the Legation steps before they were apprehended by the police. As they were being led away, Babler screamed that his brother, and sister had all died in the revolution.

Babler carried with him a Hungarian freedom flag which, he said, he had raised over Budapest's Parliament building during the first successful days of the revolt. He said he retrieved the flag after the Russians shot it down in November. —United Press.

Rioting Finally Under Control

Santiago, Chile, Apr. 4. The armed forces today wiped out the last remnants of bloody rioting in which the two-day toll stood at 18 known dead and more than US\$1,500,000 property damage.

Troops and police fired their last shots against looters and prowlers who ignored the curfew, both in the downtown and outlying districts, during the early morning hours. The death toll was announced by public health officials, who said at least 300 other persons were injured, 40 of them seriously.

It was reported that some 800 persons were under arrest in connection with the riots. Merchants whose stores and shops were sacked at the height of the rioting on Tuesday put preliminary estimated losses at upwards of \$1,500,000. This did not include dozens of burned vehicles and scores of smashed street lighting fixtures. —United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"All I did in kindergarten all day was make this snow scene—pretty stupid kind of education I'm getting!"

Envoy Comes To HK On Leave

Washington, Apr. 4. American officials said today that the sudden trip to Hongkong of the US Ambassador to Thailand, Mr. Max Waldo Bishop, was not connected in any way with his involvement in a political controversy in Bangkok.

They said Mr. Bishop some time ago requested a short leave of absence from his post and the State Department had approved it, to take place "during the early part of April."

Mr. Bishop left Bangkok yesterday for Hongkong and was reported to be intending to remain in Hongkong until April 12. Officials here said he would return to Bangkok then.

Mr. Bishop's name became involved in a local Bangkok controversy when a Thai editor, Kukrit Pramoj, was arrested on Tuesday afternoon for allegedly insulting the American envoy in an article in which he described him as a "ruffian."

Pramoj later charged that the Prime Minister, Marshal Pibul Songgram, was using Mr. Bishop's name for political purposes and "as a tool to attack me."

Mr. Bishop has denied any "involvement on my part in the matter and expressed regret that 'my name has been used publicly in this affair.'"

State Department officials said Mr. Bishop's request for leave was made before the February 26 elections in Thailand. Pramoj's March 12 column asserted that Mr. Bishop had said the Thai elections, described by some as "irregular," were not as bad as those in Chicago where ballot boxes were stolen.

There were no indications here today that the US government had any intention of transferring Mr. Bishop because of his difficulties in Bangkok. Officials said that so far as they knew he would remain there. —United Press.

Polio Victim Flying To HK

The CPA mercy plane, carrying polio-afflicted Peter Noble, British Vice-Consul in Vietnam, left Hanoi for Hongkong this morning.

CLASH IN COURT OF INQUIRY

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Wages, in comparison, remained "shockingly low"—£8-10-6 for a skilled man on the minimum rate and £7-2-6 for unskilled workers.

Mr. Hill was confident British shipbuilders could still continue to meet successfully the challenge of both price and quality of foreign competitors, including Japan and Germany.

Mr. Sloan, for the employers, said that since November, 1954, average earnings had increased by 20 per cent and the cost of living index by approximately eight per cent.

MODERNISING

Unless shipbuilding companies made substantial profits, they would be unable to provide the capital needed to modernise their yards, he said.

The return to work by 1,700-2,000 strikers in the shipyards and engineering factories of Britain today was punctuated by continuing disputes, lack of work, and rumblings of discontent among many workers angered by what they consider the failure of their union leaders to maintain strike action until their pay demands were met in full.

Most industrial observers tonight agreed that although the majority of strikers were now back to work, they had returned with a "wait and see" attitude, until the result of the Government inquiry into both the shipbuilding and engineering disputes was known.

Some unions have threatened to resume the stoppages if the inquiry does not result in their members getting more than the five per cent pay rise offered by the shipbuilders and three and half per cent by the engineering employers. —Reuter.

Emergency Regulations Rescinded

The Emergency (Detention) Regulations proclaimed on October 14 last year following the riots in Kowloon and Tsun Wan were rescinded by order of the Governor in Council, the Gazette announced this morning.

The Emergency Regulations prescribed that persons arrested might be detained for 14 days for the purpose of inquiry. They also stipulated that the Governor could authorise the detention of such persons for a further period or periods of 14 days if he was satisfied that further inquiries were needed.

Alleged Rioters: More Evidence For The Defence

Further evidence for the defence was given this morning at the trial of 15 men charged with rioting at Tsun Wan last October before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg and a Special Jury at the Criminal Sessions.

The accused are Wong Chung-yuen, 33, carpenter; Woo Pong-yu, 28, mechanic; Yuen Chuen, 39, earth cooler; Law Ching, 42, tallyman; Tong Tsotak, 28, weaver; Mak Ping-chau, 28, weaver; Keung Chung, 31, enamel worker; Young Kwai, 41, farmer; Chiu Kai-yuen, 26, mechanic; Ho Yuen, 34, earth cooler; Liu Yick-chol, 30, cook; Wong Chou-foo, 27, mechanic; Fung Chai-wing, 24, rubber worker; Nam Keli-ling, 42, weaver; and Wu Dit-keung, 20, spinner.

Mr. Morley-John and Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Det. Inspector P. J. Clancy.

Mr. V. L. J. Dalton, instructed by Mr. P. D. A. Remondos, is defending the second, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, 10th and 12th and 13th accused.

INSTALLED MACHINERY

Chu Yin-chau, a mechanic of the South Sea Textiles factory, testified that on October 10, last year, he met Sit Kok-leung, machine foreman at the Kun Yick weaving factory, at the Tsun Wan Teahouse.

Sit invited him to help him install some new machinery at the Kun Yick factory. He agreed. On the morning of October 11, witness said, he and the 12th accused and four others set off for the Kun Yick factory.

Witness said he arrived there at 8 a.m. He teamed up with the 12th accused in installing pieces of machinery. At 7 p.m., they had a break for meals. He and the 12th accused ate together.

After that, Chu continued, he and a group left to return to the South Sea Textiles factory. They were stopped by the Police outside the Tsun Wan station and taken into it.

On October 12, he was taken to Chatham Road detention camp. He was released on November 15. When questioned by the Police, witness said, he told them that his group had been returning from the Kun Yick weaving factory when they were stopped.

Mr. Morley-John put it to Chu that he and the others had worked at the Kun Yick weaving factory only from 7 p.m. to 10.30 p.m., on October 11 and that they were not in the factory the rest of the day.

Witness maintained that he and the others went there to install machines at 8 a.m.

SLEPT WHOLE DAY
Wong Chau-fung, an employee of the Nam Fung factory, said in evidence that he worked on the night shift at his own factory on the evening of October 11 until the following morning.

Before work started at 7 p.m. on the 11th, witness said, he slept the whole day in a room which he shared with the ninth accused.

Wong said he got up about 6 p.m. The ninth accused was still asleep, so he woke him up. They had their meals together at the factory messroom before going on duty.

Cross-examined, witness said he slept soundly that day, and did not hear any noise outside the factory. He slept on an upper floor and the machines were situated on the floor below.

STEEL BAR PRICES CRASH

Prices of steel bars—used for reinforcing concrete in Hongkong building projects—have come down with a thump in the last few weeks.

Mr Tsang Shu-ping, Chairman of the Hongkong Metal Merchants Association, told the China Mail yesterday that current prices were between \$48 and \$45 a picul with new shipments at the lower rate.

Early in November, soon after the Suez Canal was blocked, the price rose from \$38 to \$53 a picul, and then, later, to a high of about \$68.

This means a fall of more than \$20, or about 33 per cent. A lot of speculators have been hit by the price fall.

Many importers ordered large stocks at the outbreak of the Suez crisis because of anticipated high demand from Far Eastern customers during a period when an acute shortage was expected.

But the orders have not come—at least, not in the quantities expected. And as a result heavy stocks of steel bars are lying unsold in Colony godowns.

AT HEAVY COST

And the importers have had to pay dearly for them. Freight rates are 15 per cent higher than the pre-Suez crisis rates and there is a 15 per cent surcharge as well.

Most of the steel bars are reported to be from the United Kingdom. To make matters worse, locally-made steel bars are reported to be offering stiff competition.

Late last month there was a rumour in the Colony that Government might restrict imports of round bars because of heavy stocks, but this was denied.

Importers have reduced orders considerably in recent weeks and according to one authority speculators are selling round bars at very low prices for export to China.

Lyndhurst Terrace Fire

Fire broke out at No. 2 Lyndhurst Terrace shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. The fire, the cause of which is still under investigation, severely damaged the top floor of a three-storey tenement building.

There were no casualties, although it was at first reported that a woman was missing. Flames and thick smoke were shooting out the windows and verandah, when Fire Brigade units arrived under the Chief Officer, Mr. W. J. Gorman. They had the fire under control within 15 minutes.

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First Clasp To ED

Captain S. A. Fowler, ED, of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force, has been awarded the First Clasp to his Efficiency Decoration, the Gazette notified this morning.

Unofficial JPs

Messrs Kwok Lam-po, Li Chung-ching, William S. T. Louy, Bunan Tong and Seward Woo have been appointed Unofficial Justices of the Peace, the Gazette announced this morning.

TOWN PLANNING BOARD

The Gazette notified this morning the appointment of the following as Members of the Town Planning Board for a period of one year as of April 1: The Honourable the Director of Public Works—Chairman; The Assistant Director of Public Works (Buildings); The Assistant Director of Public Works (Engineering); The Commissioner for Housing; Mr. Sven Erik Faber; Mr. Glen-Dih Su; Mr. G. D. Smart; Secretary—Mr. R. H. Hughes.

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